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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant(s): | Joe Stockwell  | Atty Docket No.:  | 37015.0300              |
| Serial No.:   | 10/709,497   | Examiner:         | Patricia Kathryn Wright |
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| Title:        | METHOD AND APPARATUS<br>FOR TRANSFERRING PIPETTE<br>TIPS | Confirmation No.: | 3496                    |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2009, the period of response for which is hereby extended by one month to December 28, 2009 (in that December 27, 2009 falls on a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.